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Gunnery Exercises

1. gunnery exercises were carried out day and night in Constanta. Occasionally all units based in Constanta took part, but frequently only part of the fleet was involved.
2. Day exercises consisted mainly of antiaircraft firing. From the port an airplane was seen towing a target and flying at considerable height. Because of the distance no details could be observed except that the airplane was occasionally replaced by a seaplane.
3. The airplane flew roughly southeast-northwest. The units of the fleet involved could not be seen from the port but the explosions of the shells were visible. It appeared as if no salvos were fired nor was there any evidence that automatic or semi-automatic guns such as Bofors were used. Firing was very inaccurate; during the period of observation only a few shells were seen exploding near the target. The remainder burst "all over the place." The airplane crossed inland north of Constanta. From this area gunfire, apparently from heavier guns, was heard but no shell burst could be seen.

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4. Floating Targets

- a. At the extreme western end of the new petroleum basin were four or five floating targets. All but one target consisted of a pontoon on which a sheet of canvas was erected vertically.
- b. The other target consisted of a circular wooden float about 15 meters in diameter on top of which was a wooden circular platform about two feet high and 10 meters in diameter. This platform was the base of a wooden octagonal cone about 1.5 meters high.

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- c. All targets were towed out to sea during these exercises. Firing by surface vessels could not be observed.

Searchlights

- 5. The following searchlights took part during night firing exercises:
 - a. Searchlight located on the southern of the two hills situated about two kilometers inland and two kilometers south of the petroleum tanks.
 - b. Three searchlights were seen at Cape Tuzla. They were sweeping the sea; one of the searchlights picked up and held a naval vessel taking part in the exercise. Gunfire was heard but no shell bursts were observed.

Naval Vessels

- 6. The following naval vessels were in the port and took part in the gunnery exercises:
 - a. Destroyers [redacted] 50X1-HUM
 - b. A vessel that appeared to be a minelayer.
 - c. Two minesweepers armed with one gun forward and some light antiaircraft guns. On deck was sweeping gear such as buoys, otters, cables, etc.
 - d. Alongside the minesweepers were three small vessels. No details could be observed but they were believed to be MTB's or ML's.
 - e. Two minesweeping escort vessels [redacted] 50X1-HUM
 - f. Three-masted training ship.
 - g. Converted yacht.

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